

*Serving Today*

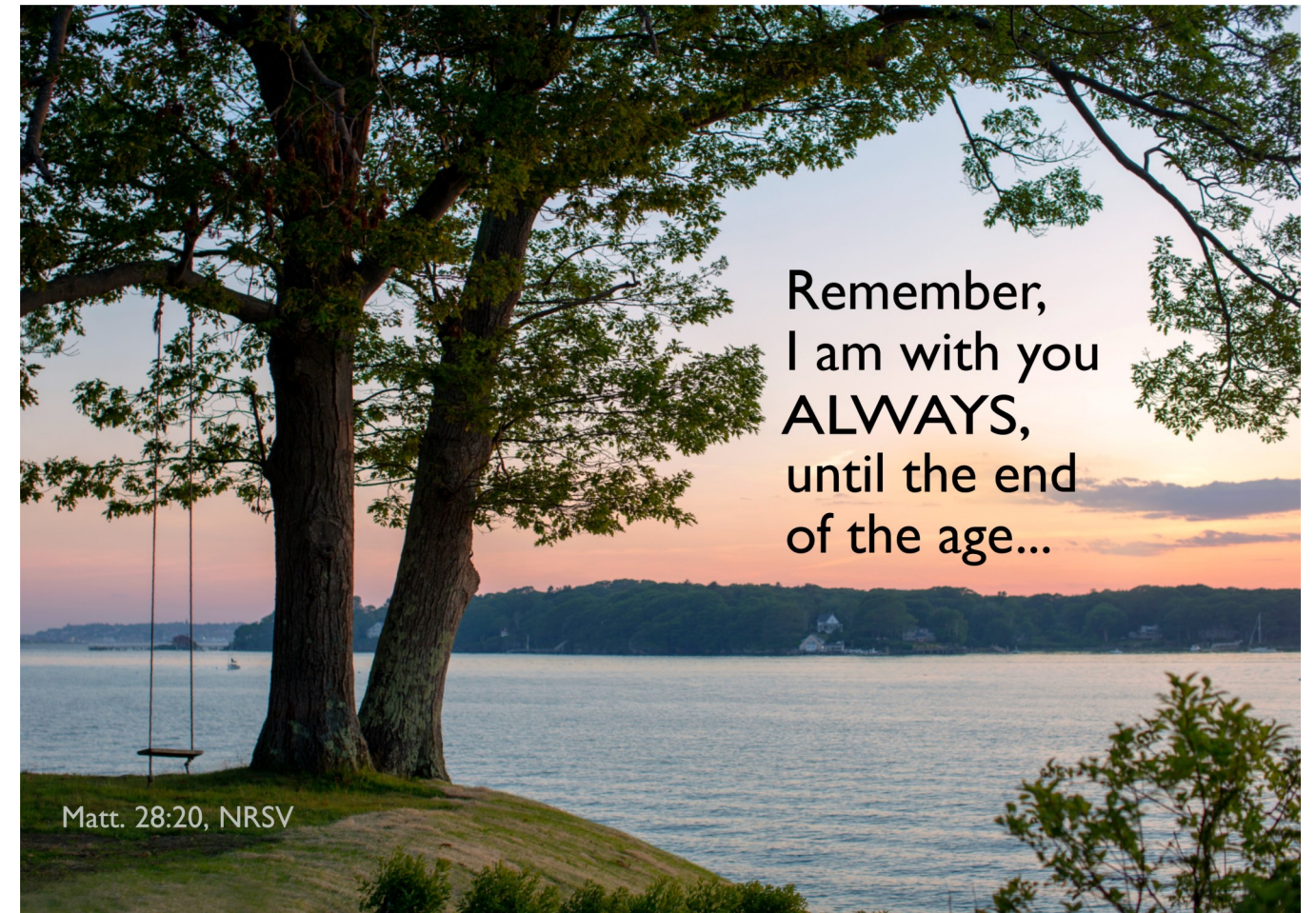
**GUEST ORGANIST:** Carolyn McPherson  
**LITURGISTS:** Don Thompson - Chapel  
Allen Wright - Sanctuary  
**GREETERS & USHERS:** Mark and Kim Plemmons - Sanctuary  
**SOUND:** Gary Hallen  
**TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES:** Russ Pearson  
**FLOWER DELIVERY:** Candi Harker

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THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED  
TO THE GLORY OF GOD  
and are presented by Larry Long, David, Craig, and Ellen  
in loving memory of Catherine Long.  
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# First Presbyterian Church

Kingsport, Tennessee

*Seeking to see the face of Christ...*  
*Striving to be the hands of Christ*



Service of the Lord's Day

June 11, 2023  
8:30 & 10:00 a.m.

GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

BELLS OF GOD’S PRESENCE

PRELUDE (8:30) “More than Wonderful” Arr. Don Marsh  
Guest organist: Carolyn McPherson

WELCOME

GATHERING MUSIC (10:00)  
No. 2037 “I Sing Praises to Your Name”  
No. 2016 “Glorify Thy Name”  
No. 2078 “Alleluia” (Choir: Refrain, then All repeat...solo verses, All Refrain)

\*CALL TO WORSHIP  
Leader: Jesus passes by us daily on the path of life, and bids us to follow.  
People: **But where are we to follow? What are we to do?**  
Leader: He calls us to walk in a new direction. There are few signs along the way,  
except for his footprints, and they are difficult to follow.  
People: **What about our fears, our need for sure answers,  
and what shall we do if we fail?**  
Leader: Be of good courage; his presence can calm our fears. Our questions  
point us to a deeper life. Jesus will lift us when we fail.  
People: **He is worthy of our trust. We will follow wherever he leads us.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 749 “Come! Live in the Light!”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
**God, forgive us for failing to understand and accept the demands placed upon us by your love. We enlist in your causes, but we find ourselves losing interest. We promise to be courageous, but we give in to our fears. We want to be sensitive, but we find ourselves callous. Forgive us; take our limitations and turn them into possibilities for service. Have mercy on us and grant us your peace.**  
(silent prayer)

KYRIE “Seek Ye First”  
**Lord, have mercy upon my soul; Christ, have mercy on me;  
forgive my sins, and make me whole; Lord, forgive, and restore me.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON  
Leader: God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. God judges, but God also  
forgives the contrite. Deal with us after your mercy, God, for we are sorry for our sins,  
and earnestly seek your forgiveness. The burden of our sin is taken away.  
People: **Thanks be to God!**

\*SUNG RESPONSE “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” No.609  
**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

\*PEACE OF CHRIST

HEARING GOD’S WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (10:00)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 10: 14-17  
GOSPEL READING Matthew 28: 16-20  
SERMON “The Christian Two Step: Come and Go” Mike Shelton

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 462 “I Love to Tell the Story”  
\*A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH PCUSA  
**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.  
We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. He proclaimed God’s reign.  
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified,  
suffering the depths of human pain, and giving his life for the sins of the world.  
We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love, God created the world good  
and makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and female, of every race and people.  
We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life, who justifies us by grace  
through faith, who sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor.  
With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us  
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD (8:30) “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”  
**I’m gonna live so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I’m gonna live so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I’m gonna work so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I’m gonna work so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I’m gonna pray so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I’m gonna pray so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I’m gonna sing so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I’m gonna sing so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

(10:00) “Order My Steps In Your Word” G. Burleigh/J. Schrader

PRAYER OF DEDICATION  
**As we strive to have faith in you, God, we give thanks for your faith in us. As we seek to make our home in you, we hope that you will find a home in us, so that all we have, all we say, all we do, may be to your glory. We pray in the name of your Son, who gives the gift of faith. Amen.**

THE SENDING

\*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 295 “Go to the World!”  
\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION  
\*CONCLUDING PRAISE (8:30) “Because He Lives” Arr. Joe E. Parks  
(10:00) Fantasia on “Bryn Calfaria” Arr. John Innes  
\*Those who are able please stand